

REMARKS

Claims 2-8 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2-8 have been amended. In particular, claim 2 has been amended to place the claim in independent form since the claim was indicated as being allowable. Further, claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 2; and claims 2-7 have been amended to overcome the informalities kindly noted by the Examiner.

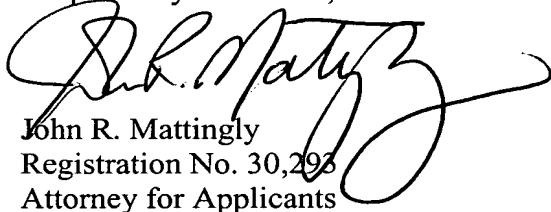
35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over 1 and 8 in view of Eshmawy et al., U.S. Patent 6,751,203. The rejection has been rendered moot by the foregoing amendments.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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